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Present law provides that criminal trespass occurs when a person enters or remains on immovable property, or in a structure, watercraft, or movable owned by another without express, legal, or implied authorization.

Proposed law provides that an occupant commits criminal trespass when he remains on immovable property for more than five days after being served with a written notice to vacate in accordance with present law relative to eviction of tenants and occupants. Proposed law also provides that a squatter commits the crime of criminal trespass when he fails to vacate immovable property after being directed to do so by the rightful possessor. Proposed law defines "squatter."

Proposed law otherwise retains present law.

Proposed law provides that an owner or good faith possessor of immovable property may petition the court for a temporary restraining order and injunction to enjoin a trespass committed by certain persons. Proposed law also provides that a person who violates an injunction issued pursuant to proposed law will be subject to contempt of court.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Amends R.S. 14:63(C)(2); adds R.S. 14:63(K))